

The U.S. Embassy in Berlin issued a Warden message on 20 April, 2007 informing U.S. citizens living and traveling in Germany that U.S. diplomatic and consular facilities in Germany are increasing their security posture. The State Department has **NOT** issued a travel warning or changed its advisory for Germany.

The State Department issued a similar Warden Message on 16 March reminding U.S. citizens living or traveling in Germany to remain vigilant and bolster their personal security. The embassy decided to release the March Warden Message after the German press reported the BKA (German equivalent of the FBI) advised raising the national threat level based on threatened attacks on Germany and Austria for their military participation in Afghanistan. These threats were posted on an extremist website in early March.

The Warden Message is from the U.S. Embassy and not from the DoD. The security posture at military installations in Europe has not changed.

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Warden Message: Germany Security Posture Increase

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U.S. Embassy Berlin released the following Warden Message on April 20:

U.S. diplomatic and consular facilities in Germany are increasing their security posture. We are taking these steps in response to a heightened threat situation. The U.S. Embassy encourages Americans in Germany to increase their vigilance and take appropriate steps to bolster their own personal security.

The Department of State's April 10, 2007, "Worldwide Caution" Public Announcement, which can be found on the Internet at http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_1161.html, provides additional information on potential threats to U.S. citizens overseas, along with advice on how to reduce your vulnerability to such threats. Additional general information on residing and traveling abroad, including the latest Consular Information Sheet for Germany, may be found on-line at <http://travel.state.gov>.

Contact information for the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, and Consulates in Frankfurt, Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Munich and Leipzig may be found on the Internet at:

http://berlin.usembassy.gov/germany/citizen_services.html.